

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by John Davies, P.A., Vice-Chairperson, in Conference Room Lower Level B, State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Agenda were sent to the Board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting. The following members answered the roll call:

Paul Shellabarger, P.A., Chairperson
John Davies, P.A., Vice-Chairperson
Tom Bassett, Secretary
Michael Bittles, M.D.
David Hoelting, M.D

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present for the Department was Becky Wisell, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; Dennis Scott, Investigator; and Julie Agena, Assistant Attorney General.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bittles moved, seconded by Davies, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Davies moved, seconded by Bittles, to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2014, as presented. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Davies moved, seconded by Bassett, to close the session at 2:01 p.m. to review applications. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Shellabarger recused himself from the meeting at 2:29 p.m.
Shellabarger rejoined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Agena left the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Suzanna Glover Ettrich, Department Legal joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bittles, to reopen the session at 3:04 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Agena rejoined the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Initial Application(s)

Davies moved, seconded by Hoelting, to recommend issuing a physician assistant license to Julie Siefers with initial discipline of a \$500 fine and a censure. The basis for the discipline is misrepresentation of material facts when procuring a license for failing to disclose previous discipline against her Kansas physician assistant license. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Reinstatement Application(s)

Bittles moved, seconded by Hoelting, to recommend reinstating the physician assistant license of Teresa Palmer on probation for one year and assessing a fine of \$10,000. Ms. Palmer would need to complete the ProBe ethics and provide proof of completion to the Department prior to reinstatement of her physician assistant license. The basis for reinstating on probation is previous discipline by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) for a severe ethics violation. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting. Voting nay: none. Abstained: Shellabarger. Motion carried.

Reinstatement Following Disciplinary Action

Davies moved, seconded by Hoelting, to deny the request of Grant Anderson to remove the limitation on his the physician assistant license. The basis for this denial the nature and severity of previous disciplinary actions. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Initial Application(s) Cont'd

Bittles moved, seconded by Hoelting, to recommend issuing a physician assistant license to Megan Cronin. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Bittles moved, seconded by Hoelting, to recommend issuing a physician assistant to Tiffany Byrkit. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Request for Less Than 10% Supervision of a Physician Assistant and Clarification Regarding Who Can Supervise

Davies moved, seconded by Hoelting, to deny Dr. Todd Stull's request for less than 10% supervision of a physician assistant. The basis for the denial is the medical services that Kim Hill, PA is providing doesn't form a component of Dr. Stull's scope of practice. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Davies moved, seconded by Bittles, to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Davies, Hoelting, Shellabarger. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file with the Department)

Tom Bassett, Secretary
Physician Assistant Committee